

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 5:30 p.m.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) at 6 o'clock p.m.

# APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE STEVEN SCHIFF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 395, the Chair, without objection, announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Steven Schiff.

Mr. SKEEN of New Mexico;  
Mr. GINGRICH of Georgia;  
Mr. REDMOND of New Mexico;  
Mr. SENSENBRENNER of Wisconsin;  
Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut;  
Mr. BARTON of Texas;  
Mr. GALLEGLY of California;  
Mr. McNULTY of New York;  
Mr. PAXON of New York;  
Mr. ROHRBACHER of California;  
Mr. MICA of Florida;  
Mr. EHLERS of Michigan;  
Mr. SHADEGG of Arizona; and  
Mr. CAMPBELL of California.  
There was no objection.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, due to my attendance at the wake and funeral of my good friend, Judge Francis Bergan, I missed rollcall votes 75, 76, 77 and 78 on Thursday, March 26, and rollcall votes 79 and 80 on Friday, March 27, 1998.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "No" on rollcall vote number 75; "no" on rollcall vote number 76; "yes" on rollcall vote number 77; "no" on rollcall vote number 78; "yes" on rollcall vote number 79; and "no" on rollcall vote number 80.

# THEATER MISSILE DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. SPENCE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2786) to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2786

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Theater Missile Defense Improvement Act of 1998".*

## SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

*Congress makes the following findings:*

(1) Development of medium-range ballistic missiles by potential adversaries, such as Iran, has proceeded much more rapidly than previously anticipated by the United States Government.

(2) Existence of such missiles in potentially hostile nations constitutes a serious threat to United States forces, allies, and friends in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region and cannot be adequately countered by currently deployed ballistic missile defense systems.

(3) It is a matter of high national interest to quickly reduce the vulnerability of United States forces, allies, and friends to these threats.

(4) Meaningful and cost effective steps to reduce these vulnerabilities are available and should be pursued expeditiously.

## SEC. 3. ACCELERATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS TO COUNTER ENHANCED BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT.

*Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1998 for Defense-wide research, development, test, and evaluation in the amount of \$147,000,000, to be available as follows:*

(1) JOINT COMPOSITE TRACKING NETWORK.—\$35,000,000 to be available for the Joint Composite Tracking Network program.

(2) PATRIOT REMOTE LAUNCH CAPABILITY.—\$15,000,000 to be available to accelerate development of the remote launch capability for the Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC-3) missile defense system.

(3) PAC-3 AND NAVY AREA DEFENSE TESTS.—\$40,000,000 to be available to test the capabilities of the Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC-3) missile defense system, and to test the capabilities of the Navy Area Defense System, against missiles with the range of the Iranian ballistic missiles under development.

(4) EARLY WARNING ENHANCEMENT.—\$6,000,000 to be available for improved integration of the various elements of the SHIELD system.

(5) PAC-3 PRODUCTION RATE ENHANCEMENTS.—\$41,000,000 to be available for production rate enhancements for the Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC-3) missile defense system.

(6) ISRAELI ARROW MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.—\$10,000,000 to be available to improve interoperability of the Israeli Arrow tactical ballistic missile defense system with United States theater missile defense systems.

## SEC. 4. IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIONS.

(a) IDENTIFICATION.—*The Secretary of Defense shall identify actions in addition to those authorized by section 3 that could be taken by the Department of Defense to counter the threats posed to the United States and its national security interests by the development or acquisition of medium-range ballistic missiles by Iran and other nations.*

(b) SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.—*The Secretary specifically shall explore—*

(1) additional cooperative measures between the Department of Defense and the Ministry of Defense of Israel to further enhance Israel's ability to defend itself against the threat posed by ballistic missiles deployed by Iran and other nations; and

(2) actions within the existing Navy Theater Wide Missile Defense System program that could provide additional capabilities useful to addressing the threat posed by medium-range ballistic missiles within one to two years.

(c) INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION.—*The Secretary shall undertake appropriate intergov-*

*ernmental and interagency coordination that would be necessary to the conduct of any of the actions identified pursuant to subsection (a).*

## SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

*Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report providing—*

(1) a description of the Secretary's plans for use of funds appropriated pursuant to the authorizations of appropriations in this Act; and

(2) a description of possible additional actions identified by the Secretary pursuant to section 4(a) and the steps taken or planned (as of the time of the report) to carry out section 4(c).

## SEC. 6. OFFSETTING REDUCTIONS IN AUTHORIZATIONS.

*The total amount authorized in section 201 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85) to be appropriated for fiscal year 1998 for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Department of Defense is hereby reduced by \$147,000,000, of which—*

(1) \$126,000,000 is to be derived from savings from the use of advisory and assistance services by the Department of Defense in accordance with section 8041 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-56; 111 Stat. 1230); and

(2) \$21,000,000 is to be derived from savings from the use by the Department of Defense of defense federally funded research and development centers in accordance with section 8035 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-56; 111 Stat. 1227).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPENCE) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPENCE).

(Mr. SPENCE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SPENCE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2786.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. SPENCE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2786, the Theater Missile Defense Improvement Act of 1998, is intended to address the accelerated threat posed by recent theater ballistic missile development around the world. North Korea has deployed the No Dong-1 missile. Iran's development of the Shahab-3 missile has proceeded rapidly and could be flight tested within the next year and will have sufficient range to strike Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

The speed of these developments was unanticipated by the intelligence community and they warrant an immediate response. Our currently deployed missile defense systems were designed against older and slower threats and have only limited capabilities against this new generation of more lethal missiles. The steps taken in this bill will provide additional defensive capabilities for our troops and their dependents